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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 19, 29-30 and 36 as follows.

1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) A method of handling messages, comprising:
determining if a message is approved for a recipient of the message;
processing the message for subsequent viewing by the recipient if the message is approved; ~~and~~
notifying the recipient and storing the message, if the message is unapproved; and
providing the recipient with an option to view the unapproved message and
selectively delete the message, without using a self-removing message indicator, after
viewing.

20. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 19, further comprising allowing the recipient to view an unapproved message.

21. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 20, further comprising notifying the recipient with a notification message having a link to network data representing a list of unapproved messages for the recipient.

22. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein the network data comprises markup language data accessible by a computer device of the recipient.

23. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 19, further comprising allowing the recipient to set criteria to determine if the message is approved.

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24. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein the criteria includes a sender of the message being on a stored approved list for the recipient.

25. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 24, further comprising allowing the recipient to change the criteria.

26. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 19, further comprising deleting an unapproved message a predetermined period of time after the notifying.

27. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 26, further comprising notifying a sender of the unapproved message of deletion of the unapproved message.

28. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein the messages and the criteria are stored on an electronic message server.

29. (Currently amended) A message processing system, comprising:
means for determining if a message is approved for a recipient of the message;
means for processing the message for subsequent viewing by the recipient if the message is approved; and
means for notifying the recipient and storing the message, if the message is unapproved; and
means for providing the recipient with an option to view the unapproved message and selectively delete the message, without using a self-removing message indicator, after viewing.

30. (Currently amended) A message processing system, comprising:
an electronic message server for receiving and storing electronic messages for a recipient; and
an electronic message manager for processing electronic messages for a recipient

to determine if the electronic messages are approved based on stored criteria, sending approved electronic messages for the recipient to a location for access by the recipient, and storing and sending a notification to the recipient of unapproved messages, and providing the recipient with an option to view the unapproved message and selectively delete the message, without using a self-removing message indicator, after viewing.

31. (Previously presented) The message processing system of Claim 30, further comprising an access server for generating a display page with a list of unapproved messages, the notification comprising an electronic message with a link to the display page.

32. (Previously presented) The message processing system of Claim 31, wherein the list of unapproved messages includes links to the unapproved messages respectively and which on selection causes transmission of an unapproved message to a recipient's computer device for viewing by the recipient.

33. (Previously presented) The message processing system of Claim 32, wherein the criteria includes the sender of a message being on an approved list for the recipient stored on the system.

34. (Previously presented) The message processing system of Claim 33, wherein the display page includes a link to at least one display page for displaying and changing the criteria.

35. (Previously presented) The message processing system of Claim 33, wherein the display page includes a link for changing the criteria.

36. (Currently amended) A computer readable storage medium having code for executing a method of handling messages, the method comprising:

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approved; and
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providing the recipient with an option to view the unapproved message and
selectively delete the message, without using a self-removing message indicator, after
viewing.